Superfast train befween Howrah and Bhubaneshwar

1163. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Wil| the Ministe,. of RAILWAYS be pleased to state-

la) whether Orissa Government has requested the Railways for the introduction of *a* superfast train between Howrah and Bhubaneshwar during day time;

(b) whether the above proposa] has been pending with the Central Government since long; and

(c) if so, whether the proposal is likely to be implemented during 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Due to availability of 10 pairs of direct trains between Howrah and Bhubaneshwar both during day time **and** overnight and paucity of coaches **and** locomotives, introduction *of* an additional day time traio is not feasible.

Snrvey for rail line between Kakinada and Kotipaill

1164. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that South Central Railway conducted recently a survey between Kalrinada-Kotipalli line via Kovvada-Annutapuram-Aretak.tta-Vaka-da-Velangi Nisasapuraeeta - Chodavaram-Ramaibhajidra PurajmrTalla Palerr»-Grak-sjiprarnam-Venlka^ayarPaJjem-GangaVaram; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the snvey and the action taken and the amount sanctioned by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes. Sir

(b) Cost of this 44 kms. long line is estimated at Rs. 22.53 crores and the rate of return by D.C.F. technique is 6.56 per cent. Further action will be. considered on completion of examination of the Survey Report.

Expansion of Cochin and Calicut Airport

1165. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVAT-TOM; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand Cochin and Calicut airpotts to handle the Air Buses at these airport-

(b) whether there is any proposal to provide on air-strip at Shertalai in Alleppey District; and

(cj if so, when a decision is expected to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI IAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There is no proposal to expand Calicut airport. However, there is a proposal to expand Cochin airport for Airbus operations.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Stopping of Ernakulam Trivandrum Van chinnd Express at Cbengannur and Tiravalln

1166. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVAT. TOM Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether any representations hava recently been received from Government of Kerala as well as Chamber of Com merce and passengers Association request ing for stoppage of Ernakulam Trivand rum Vanchinad Express at Chengannur and Tiruvalla: and

(b) what is the reaction of Government to these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Re-